

**CAUSE NO: 5121**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
Javier Diaz, CHILD**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
Hopewood COUNTY, MOCK STATE**

**AND CONCERNING**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**Manuel and Lisa Gomez, RESPONDENTS**

**ADJUDICATION AND DISPOSITIONAL ORDER**

This matter came before the Court on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014. The following are named as parties:

Name: Lisa Gomez, Guardian (maternal aunt)

DOB: October 27, 1960

1234 Tulip Lane

Hopewood, Mock State 56789

Name: Manual Gomez, Guardian (maternal uncle by marriage)

DOB: September 12, 1962

1234 Tulip Lane

Hopewood, Mock State 56789

Hopewood Department of Child and Family Services

Hopewood County, Mock State

**THE COURT FINDS:**

1. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. The child, Javier Diaz, is adjudicated as an abused and neglected child as defined in Mock State Children's Code, Section 424.b (1-4).
3. The Department has made the following reasonable efforts to reunify Javier Diaz with his guardians, Manuel and Lisa Gomez:

Arranged for the following services to address the causes and conditions that resulted in the abuse of the child:

- a) Psychosocial assessment for Manuel Gomez
- b) Psychosocial assessment for Lisa Gomez

- c) Identified services to be implemented to ameliorate safety issues in the home and is working with the guardians to promote engagement in those services
- d) Arranged for and facilitated visitation between Javier Diaz and Mr. and Ms. Gomez to preserve and enhance their relationship
- 4. The Department obtained a psychiatric evaluation for Javier Diaz and is ensuring that prescribed psychotropic medication is administered and that he is participating in recommended psychotherapy sessions.
- 5. Despite the reasonable efforts made by the Department, reunification of the child with his guardians is not in his best interest at this time and is contrary to his welfare. Mr. Gomez still requires engagement in anger management and parent training services, and Ms. Gomez still requires engagement in parent training services.
- 6. The Department has exercised reasonable care in providing for Javier Diaz's physical and dental health, behavioral health, and educational needs. The child is safe in his current placement and is in the least restrictive setting possible. He is in close proximity to his guardians. His current placement has allowed him to remain in the same high school.
- 7. The child has no siblings in foster care.

#### **THE COURT ORDERS:**

- 1. Javier Diaz to remain in the custody of the Department of Child and Family Services, which is responsible for his care and supervision.
- 2. The permanency plan goal of reunification is adopted.
- 3. That the case plan, attached to this order that was developed by the parties and presented by the Department, shall be adopted.
- 4. Curtis Samuels, Esquire, is appointed to continue to represent Manuel and Lisa Gomez.
- 5. John Gare, Esquire, is appointed to continue as Guardian ad Litem for Javier Diaz.

#### **NEXT HEARING:**

The Periodic Review Hearing is scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015, at 1:00 p.m., before District Court Judge Simon Mitchell.

**This is a final order for purposes of appeal.**

Simon Mitchell

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November 24, 2014

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